

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 9, 2007
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 244, 2/23/2007
Executive Action: HB 244, HB 156, HB 65

00:03:53 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON HB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:39 **REP. BRADY WISEMAN (D), HD 65**, opened the hearing on **HB 244**, Expand promotional activities of telecommunications providers.

Proponents:

00:07:14 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT(bus50a01)

00:09:37 Tom Ebzery, Qwest Corporation

00:11:15 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunication Association

00:13:18 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems, LLC

00:13:53 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communications

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:42 Sen. Jackson to Greg Jergeson, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:15 Rep. Wiseman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 244

00:17:40 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. LARSON** moved that **HB 244 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:19:09 Sen. Squires to Sen. Esp

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

00:19:38 **Motion:** SEN. BROWN moved that HB 156 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:20:34 Sen. Brown

00:21:13 Sen. Squires

00:21:52 **Vote:** MOTION that HB 156 BE CONCURRED IN carried
unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 65

00:22:24 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that HB 65 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:22:45 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that AMENDMENT HB006501.APM BE
ADOPTED. Sen. Esp withdrew his motion on the amendment.

EXHIBIT (bus50a02)

Discussion:

00:23:07 Sen. Cocchiarella to Jerry Keck, Employment Relations
Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:26:31 Sen. Tropila to Jerry Keck, DLI

00:26:42 Sen. Cocchiarella to Don Judge, Montana Injured Workers
Resource Council

00:27:03 Sen. Balyeat

00:29:07 Pat Murdo, LSD

00:29:14 Sen. Balyeat

00:30:34 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:31:48 **Vote:** MOTION that HB 65 BE CONCURRED IN carried
unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

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